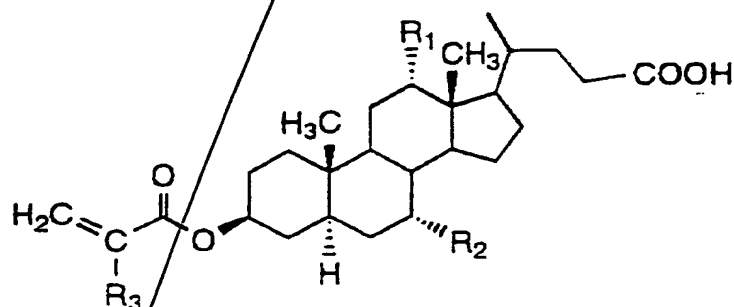


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# ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention provides a novel (meth)acrylic acid ester compound useful as a resin material for photosensitive compositions, which enables control of the molecular weight of a resin to be prepared. The novel (meth)acrylic acid ester compound is one represented by the following formula (I):



wherein  $\text{R}_1$  and  $\text{R}_2$  each independently represent a hydrogen atom or a hydroxyl group; and  $\text{R}_3$  represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group.